

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) Elastic headwear comprising:

a head-covering portion being stretchable in at least a circumferential direction thereof and having a plurality of front pieces, side pieces and rear pieces, at least one piece among the side pieces and rear pieces being made of a stretchable warp knitted mesh which comprises at least one non-covered stretch yarn and a plurality of non-stretch yarns; and

a sweatband being stretchable in at least a circumferential direction thereof,

wherein the non-covered stretch yarn and the plurality of non-stretch yarns are provided in rows without being twisted with each other.

2. (original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the stretchable warp knitted mesh of the crown portion is aligned such that the course direction of the mesh is substantially identical with the circumferential direction.

3. (original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the non-covered stretch yarn is preferably selected from a non-covered spandex yarn and a textured yarn.

4. (original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 3, wherein the non-covered spandex yarn is polyurethane yarn.

5. (original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the non-stretch yarns are synthetic yarns which are selected from Nylon, Polyester, Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET), Polyethylene (PE), and Polypropylene (PP).

6. (original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein front pieces of the crown portion are stiffened.

7. (original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a size adjustment member disposed on rear pieces to further adjust the size of the crown portion.

8. (new) A head-covering portion of a headwear, comprising:
 - a first portion corresponding approximately to a front of a user's head;
 - a second portion; and
 - a third portion between the first and second portions,
 - at least one of the second portion and the third portion comprising a stretchable warp knitted mesh.